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1. After the MOSHAISKIY completed her repairs at the Mathias Thesen Shipyard in Wismar, she proceeded to Warnemuende on her shakedown run. It was found that the boiler-control unit had failed, and the chief designer of the Askania firm went aboard in Warnemuende to repair the defect.

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2. The LENSOVIET, also under repair, was still in drydock, but was completed except for her rudder and propeller shaft. The KALININGRAD returned to Wismar on 18 July 1953; she was due to proceed to Warnemuende in early August to be fitted with boilers. About 70 percent of her plates had been exchanged. She was scheduled to be completed by 31 December 1953; however, it is doubtful that the target date will be met, because her main generator cannot be delivered by a Leipzig firm prior to 31 December.

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3. The Soviet merchant ship VOLOGDA, which was being overhauled at the shipyard, has 2,140 GRT, a length of 73.2 meters, a beam of 10.6 meters and a draft of 2.92 meters. The VORONESH, which is also undergoing repairs, is a sister ship of the VOLOGDA.

4. The first river passenger ship was launched on 18 July 1953 and was named W. TCHAKALOV. About 75 percent of the steel castings required for her stern-rudder machinery, her anchor windlass and warping capstan had not yet been supplied by the Torgelow steel foundry. The second passenger ship was named MATROSOV; 4 tons of light metal plates for her hull were still lacking.

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